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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION -- GEORGE BROWN ET AL

REF: PARIS 20306 AND PREVIOUS

1. DURING A VISIT TO ROUEN JULY 12 I CALLED ON MINISTER OF JUSTICE LECANUET IN HIS CAPACITY AS MAYOR OF ROUEN, AND RAISED INFORMALLY THE CASE OF BROWN, THE TWO MCNAIRS AND BURGESS. I MENTIONED THAT WE HAVE ASKED FOR THE EXTRADITION OF THE FOUR HIJACKERS.

2. LECANUET PROFESSED NOT TO BE INFORMED OF THE CASE BUT TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF THE PARTICULARS. HE IMMEDIATELY RAISED THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF POLITICAL MOTIVATION IN THE HIJACKERS' ACTIONS.

3. I REPLIED THAT WE SAW NO EVIDENCE OF POLITICAL MOTIVATION AND NO EVIDENCE THAT THE ACCUSED WERE EVER INVOLVED IN POLITICAL MOVEMENTS. THEY APPEARED TO HAVE HIJACKED THE DELTA AIRLINER TO ALGERIA IN 1972 PURELY FOR THE MONEY -- ONE MILLION DOLLARS, MOST OF WHICH THE ALGERIANS RETURNED TO US.

4. LECANUET THEN GESTURED AS IF TO SAY THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM. AT HIS SUGGESTION WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH HIS CABINET DIRECTOR, ALAIN SIMON.

5. COMMENT: WHILE LECANUET OBVIOUSLY COULD NOT COMMIT
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HIMSELF TO TAKE ANY SPECIFIC ACTION, I BELIEVE MY

RAISING THE CASE DIRECTLY WITH HIM WAS USEFUL. I WAS
ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE MY PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE OUTCOME;
HOPEFULLY THIS MAY HELP PERSUADE LECANUET TO DO
WHAT HE LEGALLY CAN TO CONVINCE THE COURT OF THE MERITS
OF OUR CASE.
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